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FIRE CLOSURES IN EFFECT FOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RIVER
RECREATION AREAS

STARTING JUNE 1, 2003 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2003:

MIDDLE DESCHUTES RIVER (NORTHERN PORTION)

Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on June 1, 2003, and lasting through and including October 15, 2003, fire closures are in effect on public lands within wild and scenic river corridor boundaries and public lands in other areas described below:

Along the Middle Deschutes River from the bridge on Lower Bridge Rd. west of Terrebonne to Lake Billy Chinook and additionally those public lands located within ½ mile of Lake Billy Chinook. This area includes the Steelhead Falls Wilderness Study Area and its camping, parking and hiking areas.

*****For a complete description of the fire closures/prohibited acts for all of the described river corridors, see below.**

STARTING JUNE 1, 2003 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2003:

LOWER CROOKED, MIDDLE DESCHUTES (SOUTHERN PORTION), LOWER
DESCHUTES AND LAKE BILLY CHINOOK AND WHITE RIVERS

Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on June 1, 2003, and lasting through Oct 15, 2003, fire closures are in effect:

Along the Lower Crooked River from the Highway 97 bridge to Lake Billy Chinook, along the Middle Deschutes River from Highway 20 to Lower Bridge Road, along the Lower Deschutes River from Lake Billy Chinook to the Columbia River, along the White River from its confluence with the Deschutes River to Keeps Mill.

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STARTING JUNE 1, 2003 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

JOHN DAY RIVER

Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on June 1, 2003 and until further notice, fire closures are in effect within ¼ mile of the river's edge in the following locations:

- The Mainstem John Day River, from Tumwater Falls (River Mile 10) upstream to Kimberly (River Mile 185).
- The North Fork John Day River, from the confluence with the mainstem at Kimberly (River Mile 0) upstream to the Umatilla National Forest boundary (River Mile 62).
- The South Fork John Day River from Smokey Creek (River Mile 6) upstream to the Malheur National Forest boundary (River Mile 47).

*****PROHIBITED ACTS FOR ALL AREAS DESCRIBED ABOVE:**

1. Building, maintaining, attending, using, or being within 20 feet of open flames, including but not limited to campfires, candles, torches, kerosene lanterns, or charcoal briquette fires. (Portable, commercially constructed cooking stoves and lanterns using pressurized bottled fuels such as white gas and propane are permissible.)
2. Smoking except while in non-public buildings, within a closed vehicle, or in a boat floating on the water or standing in the water.

Except in emergency conditions or permission by an agency-authorized officer, there are no exceptions to this closure. A violation of this closure is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1000 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both.

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